

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, This year the National Park Service is celebrating 100 years of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is home to 6 national parks, with 3,891,000 visitors annually contributing over \$240 million to the state's economy through visits to unique treasures such as Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Bad Lands National Park, and Wind Cave National Park; and,

Whereas, National parks help to safeguard South Dakota's natural and cultural heritage, protecting 8 threatened and endangered species, 13 national natural landmarks, 16 national historic landmarks, and 452 archaeological sites; and,

Whereas, Since 1965, the National Park Service has partnered with communities in South Dakota and provided \$38,334,628 in Land and Water Conservation Fund grants to create and maintain a legacy of high quality public outdoor recreation opportunities; and,

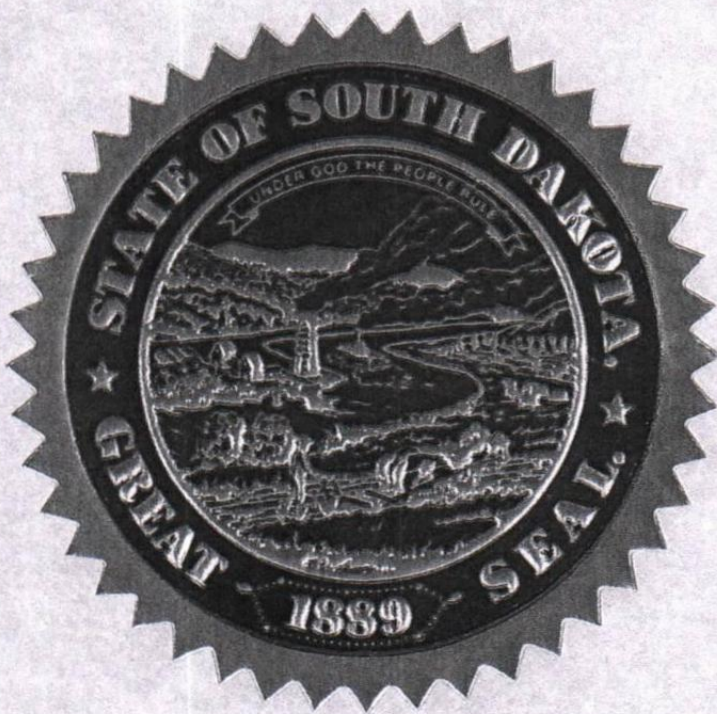
Whereas, The National Park Service works in communities through education programs and community assistance projects, carrying out 15 community conservation and recreation projects in South Dakota since 1987; and,

Whereas, The National Park Service Centennial goal is to connect with and nurture the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates, including encouraging individuals and families to take advantage of our Country's natural wonders and iconic sites as part of the "Find Your Park" initiative:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 16-24, 2016, as

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State